

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. B-4876

1. Name

Historic 100 - 138 North Glover Street
and / common

2. Location

street & number 100 - 138 North Glover Street
city, town Baltimore
state & zip code Maryland 21231 county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	X occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
X building(s)	X private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	X private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	X yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name
street & number telephone
city, town state & zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber
street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio
city, town Baltimore State Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
date federal state county local
depository for survey records
city, town state & zip code

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check One

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check One

☒ original site
☐ moved:
 date of move: _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of twenty two-story, two-bay wide vernacular Renaissance Revival-style brick houses with shed roofs and sheet metal cornices were built c. 1900 - 1905. All of the houses originally had brick facades painted a dark red, with the basement area painted white to imitate the marble basements of more expensive houses. Now, the entire row is covered with formstone.

After the use of wood was outlawed for cornices in 1892, sheet metal became the predominant material used. By the early years of the 20th century, the most popular form of sheet metal cornice sported ball finials and often classical motifs like swags pressed into the frieze area. Generally, only main street two story houses had decorated friezes-the builder saved money on his small street versions by eliminating them. Likewise, while the main street houses in this style would have marble basements, stringers, lintels, and steps, builders used no marble at all on their small street versions, painting the basements white instead. Main street houses would have stained glass transoms over both the door and the wide first floor window; on the small streets builders offered stained glass only in the door transom.

The houses are two stories in height, 12' wide and occupy lots 70' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no backbuilding. Each house has a single hooded chimney located near the front and rear of the house. The row has two cornice styles indicating the two different builders at work here. 120-128 N. Glover St. was built by the same builder as 101-139 N. Glover, on the east side of the street. The shed roof is capped by a continuous sheet metal cornice set above a frieze consisting of a crown molding supported by two long end brackets whose arched top, decorated with a rosette, rises slightly above the roofline. The lower portion of the brackets is decorated with an acanthus leaf. 100-118 N. Glover St. has a slightly different cornice, with a more projecting crown molding set above a plain frieze area. The two end brackets have ball finials that rise above the roofline and an acanthus leaf decorating the lower portion of the bracket.

The door and window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels, with plain tympanums. The sills are wood. All sash are 1/1, the original configuration. The doorways had a stained glass transom bearing the house number, a few of which survive. No original doors survive though they would have resembled the original Arts and Crafts-style door surviving at 133 N. Glover. Its full-length glass panels are framed by narrow wooden molding strips which create a design of long vertical panels and a combination of small square and rectangular panels both above and below. The houses sit on fairly high basements lit by a single-light sash. Each front door is reached by four concrete or brick steps.

8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other: speci	

Specific dates 1900 - 1905

Builder/Architect

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of houses is significant as representing the very last type of small street houses to be built in Baltimore, in the period 1900 - 1909, when a new city ordinance outlawed building houses on streets less than 40' wide. They are also significant for showing how the latest fashionable residential style, the Renaissance Revival style that first gained popularity in the city in the early 1890s, was soon adapted by builders of working class housing and even used for houses built along narrow, mid-block streets.

The houses were built according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1880 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of two-story house sizes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500; small street houses for \$700 - \$900. Occasionally, the builder retained ownership of his small street houses to provide income for himself as rental properties. In this way people of varying means could afford to live in the same block. If they couldn't afford the approximately \$750 purchase price of the small street houses, then they *could* afford the \$8 or so a month it would cost to rent one, while they saved to be able to buy their own home later.

The land originally on which these houses are built belonged to the Patterson family as part of their 18th century estate, which also included the land given by the family to the city for Patterson Park. In the 1870s and 1880s the Patterson heirs began developing this land by leasing parcels to various builders who constructed modestly-scaled and priced housing for the mainly German immigrant families who were settling near the port-related fledgling industries of Canton. Most of the houses sold to mainly German-American semi-skilled tradesmen and laborers employed in nearby factories, who received mortgages from a variety of local building and loans, many of them sponsored by the German community.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse*
(New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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Organization The Alley House Project

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100 Community Place

Crownsville MD 21032-2023

B-4876
100-138 N. Glover Street
Block 1710, Lots 079-098
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





NO
PARKING
ANYTIME
ON
EITHER
SIDE OF
STREET

100-118 N. Glouce

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100-138 N. Glouce St.

BAILO, MD

C. Belhomme

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



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C-3

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100-138 N. Clover St.,
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118 N. Blount
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3-4876
118 N. Blount St.
BALTO. MD
C. Belknap
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